

## HHSC Reverts to Grouper 36 FAQ

FAQ for below notification posted to TMHP's website on 11/20/2020 (revised 11/24/20):

<http://www.tmhp.com/news/2020-11-24-tmhp-revert-back-grouper-version-36-apr-drg-system-process-inpatient-claims>

- **Are you able to tell us exactly what was wrong w/ V37?**

Nothing was wrong with V37, changes made in the Grouper 37 logic created necessary step downs to 23% of the severity of illness level assignments, resulting in some lower reimbursements to providers. Please see Page 9 of attached 3M document for further explanation.

- **What exactly is required of us (*hospital providers*) for coding-purposes, etc....?**

Nothing, you will use ICD-10 codes that are within the most current Grouper version. The grouper software will be mapped appropriately, based on discharge dates (For FY21: 09/01/20-09/30/20 mapped to Grouper 37.1, 10/01/20-08/31/2021 mapped to Grouper 38). **For the information of hospitals that license 3M's Texas-specific reimbursement calculation software, 3M released a software update November 19, 2020, to reflect the above decision. Use of this software is a hospital decision and not required by HHSC.**

- **Will TMHP be reprocessing claims in the background?**

Yes - FY21 claims that previously paid through Grouper 37.1 will be reprocessed by TMHP using Grouper 36 logic and relative weights, mapping to the appropriate ICD-10 codes.

- **Are we to assume now that V37 never really applied?**

Grouper 37 software, as well as any version thereafter, will continue to be *applied* to always maintain the most current *ICD 10 code set*. In other words, Grouper 37 still applies to claims/encounters with discharge dates between October 1, 2019 and August 31, 2020, but only for the code set, not the payment logic.

- **Will HHSC be reprocessing FY20 claims that were paid using Grouper 37 logic?**

HHSC is currently conducting analysis to determine which claims were impacted by the Grouper 37 logic. Upon completion, TMHP will re-process identified claims using Grouper 36 logic and relative weights.

- **Will providers be notified in advance of Grouper version and relative weight changes?**

Yes, going forward providers will be given ample time for comments and questions prior to implementation of any changes to logic or to the relative weight table.

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact Judi Blue - [judi.blue@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:judi.blue@hhs.texas.gov)